

REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, Claims 1-3 and 9-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, Claim 4 has been amended, and new Claims 25-30 have been added. Currently, Claims 4-8 and 25-30 are pending and under consideration.

Claim Rejections

Applicants' Claims 1-3 and 9-24 have each been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 35 U.S.C. § 103 as anticipated by or obvious in view of the cited references. In addition, Applicants' Claims 16-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. As indicated above, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-3 and 9-24 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the statement appearing on Page 5 of the Office Action indicating that Applicants' Claims 4-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with this statement, Applicants have amended Claim 4 to stand in independent form and to include all of the features originally recited in independent Claim 1. Applicants' amended independent Claim 4 is thus now believed allowable. Applicants' Claims 5-8 each depend from Applicants' amended independent Claim 4 and are believed allowable therewith.

New Claims 25-30

As indicated above in the listing of the claims, Applicants have added new Claims 25-30, including new independent Claim 25. Applicants' new independent Claim 25 recites, in relevant part, a locking mechanism comprising: (1) a lead clamping portion configured to secure the lead therein; and (2) a

device clamping portion attached to the lead clamping portion and configured to secure the fluid delivery device therein. The Office Action states on Page 5 that "[t]he prior art does not teach a portion that clamps a lead attached to a portion that clamps the fluid delivery device." Applicants' new independent Claim 25 thus recites at least one combination of elements that is not found in the prior art. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' new independent Claim 25 is allowable over the cited references.

Applicants' new Claims 26-30 each depend, either directly or indirectly, from Applicants' Claim 25 and are consequently believed allowable therewith. This notwithstanding, Applicants also note that new Claims 26-30 recite addition structural elements that are not taught or suggested by the prior art references, whether taken singly or in valid combination.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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